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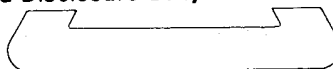
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BALAKLAVA-01 PROBABLE CRUISE MISSILE LAUNCHER
SPLIT NAVAL BASE LUKA LORA, YUGOSLAVIA

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE BALAKLAVA-01 VEHICLE (NPIC TEMPORARY DESIGNATOR) HAS BEEN NEWLY IDENTIFIED AS A PROBABLE CRUISE MISSILE LAUNCHER AND CONFIRMED FOR THE FIRST TIME OUTSIDE THE USSR. [REDACTED] FOUR BALAKLAVA-01 VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED AT SPLIT NAVAL BASE LUKA LORA, YUGOSLAVIA [REDACTED] THE BALAKLAVA-01 HAS BEEN AT SPLIT SINCE AT LEAST OCTOBER 1979, AND MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT AS EARLY AS JUNE 1979, WHEN TWO LARGE VEHICLES WERE UNDER CAMOUFLAGE NETTING.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THIS VEHICLE WAS FIRST SEEN IN SEPTEMBER 1977 AT BALAKLAVA MISSILE TEST CENTER [REDACTED] ITS PRESENCE THERE INDICATED MISSILE-ASSOCIATION, BUT ITS SPECIFIC ROLE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME.

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(S/D) THE BASIC VEHICLE FOR THE BALAKLAVA-01 IS THE MAZ-543SP CHASSIS. AN UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURE IS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT, AND TWO ROTATABLE PROBABLE MISSILE LAUNCH TUBES OCCUPY THE REAR HALF OF THE VEHICLE. THESE LAUNCH TUBES ARE OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME DIMENSIONS AS THE SS-N-2C LAUNCH TUBES ON THE RADE KONCAR PTG MOORED NEARBY. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE BALAKLAVA-01 IS A LAUNCH VEHICLE FOR THE SS-N-2C.

[REDACTED] THE SS-N-2C IS THE LOW-LEVEL VERSION OF THE SS-N-2 STYX, WITH A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOMETERS. IT HAS BEEN SEEN ONLY AS A SHIP-LAUNCHED WEAPON. SOVIET SHIPS KNOWN TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THE SS-N-2C INCLUDE THE MOD KASHIN DDG, MOD KILDIN DD, TARANTUL PGG, OSA-II PTG, AND THE MATKA PTGH. THE SS-N-2C IS ALSO CARRIED BY THE INDIAN RAJPUT DDG (INDIAN KASHIN), THE INDIAN NANUCHKA-II PGG, AND THE YUGOSLAVIAN RADE KONCAR PTG.

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(S/D) ANALYSTS' COMMENT: IF THE BALAKLAVA-01 IS A LAUNCH VEHICLE FOR THE SS-N-2C, IT REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN COASTAL DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. ITS APPEARANCE IN YUGOSLAVIA, WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF IDENTIFICATION AT BALAKLAVA, SUGGESTS THAT IT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE SOVIET UNION AS AN EXPORT ITEM FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES THAT ALREADY OPERATE THE SHIP-LAUNCHED SS-N-2C. IT COULD ALSO BE SUPPLIED TO COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT NOW HAVE THE SS-N-2C, BUT COULD OPERATE A RELATIVELY SIMPLE CRUISE MISSILE. THE MOBILITY OF THE BALAKLAVA-01 WOULD ENABLE SUCH COUNTRIES TO DEFEND COASTAL AREAS QUICKLY. WITHOUT BUILDING FIXED MISSILE SITES

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3. (S) _____ COORDINATES 43-31-34N 016-25-53E

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4. _____ COLLATERAL REFERENCE: DIA, DST-1210H-049-79, NAVAL SHIP CHARACTERISTICS - USSR, COMBATANTS (U), NOVEMBER 1979, SECRET/NOFORN/WNINTEL.

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